PRELIMINARY DRAFT No. 3336

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Citations Affected: IC 16-41-2-3.5.

Synopsis: Reporting of MRSA staph infections. Requires hospitals and physicians to report each case of methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infection to the state department of health. Requires the state department to report MRSA cases to the governor and legislative council.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 16-41-2-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
1, 2008]: Sec. 3.5. (a) The following persons shall report to the state
department each case of methicillin-resistant staphylococcus
aureus (MRSA) infection of which the person becomes aware:
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(1) A licensed physician.

- (2) A hospital licensed under IC 16-21.
- (b) The report required under subsection (a) must comply with rules adopted by the state department.
- (c) The state department shall, at least every six (6) months, report to the governor and the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 the existence, location, and outcome of each case of MRSA infection reported under subsection (a).
- (d) A report required under this section is confidential. Any information contained in a report that is made public may not include information from which an individual included in the report may be identified.

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